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Residents Give Council Clear Message; Prevent Development on Wooded Tract

by Mavis Fletcher

A large group of residents crowded the city council chamber at the regular council meeting on December 7 to express their determination that Parcel 1, the north end tract of woods now threatened by a development plan, be left undeveloped. About 150 citizens showed up to tell the council that they didn't want to hear about reasonable proposals, low density development, or any other half-way measures: they wanted the 102 acres left in a natural state with, as one speaker phrased it, "zero homes" on the land.

Ruth Kastner, acting chairperson of the Committee to Save the Green Belt, presented a petition signed, she said, by some 800-900 citizens. Kastner called on council to apply immediately the \$1,765,000 previously agreed on for parkland acquisition and development to the task of acquiring as much as possible of Parcel 1. She then went further and requested that council "... offer the owner a respectable price for Parcel 1, comparable to what he is asking of his contract purchaser," in order to acquire the whole tract. (For examples of the tax impact of this proposal, see box page 5.)

Council Position

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld at-

tempted to defend the council against a perception that council had encouraged (or at least had not discouraged) the idea that they would be supportive of a proposal for single-family homes on this land. This proposal had been discussed at a November 19 work session with representatives of the Rocky Gorge Company, contract purchaser of the tract. Weidenfeld maintained that council had taken no action and had given no encouragement to the prospective developer. He said that council had done nothing except listen to proposals.

Mayor pro tem Joseph Isaacs gave the same defense. He said that council had given this developer the courtesy of a hearing as it would to any new owner of private property in the city. He further maintained that neither he nor any other member of council had spoken in favor of the Rocky Gorge proposal. He said he does not support development and continues to favor purchase of the land by the city.

Council member Antoinette Bram said that she had signed the petition which was being presented. "I'm with you," she said.

Council member Edward Putens called meetings such as the work session a chance to make prospective developers aware of any factors which might affect the development potential of a piece of property.

Council member Thomas X. White also mentioned that the parcel has some features such as sewer problems which may put constraints on development.

Petition Supporters

Margaret Hogensen, president of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the housing cooperative which adjoins Parcel 1 on two sides, read two motions adopted by the GHI board of directors at a meeting on December 3. In the first motion, the board of directors opposed any development of Parcel 1 other than for parkland and encouraged the city to purchase this land to help maintain

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Newspaper Office Closed Tuesday

Because of the Christmas and New Year's Eve holidays, the News Review office will be open on Monday, December 21, and on Monday, December 28, from 2 to 4 in the afternoon, and from 8 to 10 in the evening. Copy and ads may be brought to the office until 10 p.m. on those Mondays; copy to be left in the News Review box at the Co-op should be deposited by 7 p.m. on those Mondays. The office will be closed on Tuesday, December 22, and on Tuesday, December 29.

Large Crowd Turns Out for Work Session On Parcel 1 Though Developer is Absent

by Diane Oberg

The December 8 city council worksession on Parcel 1, like the regular meeting the night before, was attended by a standing-room-only crowd. The meeting was to have featured the presentation of a revised development plan by Rocky Gorge Communities, Inc., which holds a contract to purchase the 100-acre parcel.

However, the company told city staff that because their proposal was not completed, they would not attend. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld assured the crowd that any future meetings with the company would be well advertised, both in this paper and on the city's cable channel B-10.

Despite the developer's absence, the meeting continued for over two hours as council and the citizens exchanged information and opinions. Council will determine its approach and its next steps at the December 21 regular meeting.

One problem faced by the

council and the citizens was how to assure purchase of the parcel without driving up the price of the land. Keith Chernikoff, noting that a strategy can only be developed in a closed meeting, said that the discussions at the council meeting and work session had possibly doubled the price of the land.

Council member Edward Putens put a higher price on the discussion, saying that the price had escalated threefold. However an audience member countered that future residents won't care if the city pays two million or three million dollars for the parcel — once it is gone it is gone.

City Manager James K. Giese said that, based upon his conversations with Rocky Gorge, they recognize that the city will not support any rezoning of the land and are waiting to find out if the city intends to buy the land.

The land, located between Northway Extended and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), east of Green-

belt Homes, Inc. and west of the Baltimore/Washington Parkway, was to be purchased by the city using bond-issue revenues, according to a June 29 agreement within council on priorities. However, council allocated just \$750,000 for the purchase of both this parcel and the smaller but more highly valued Parcel 2. The city estimates that Rocky Gorge would pay between three and four million dollars for Parcel 1 alone, if it goes ahead with its contract.

The land is currently zoned for Rural-Residential development. Giese said that the developer has indicated that he needs to build at least 175 homes on the parcel in order to make the

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What Goes On

Mon., Dec. 21, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Thurs. & Fri., Dec. 24 & 25 Christmas Holiday, City offices closed

Council Asked to Improve Trash Recycling Program

by Steve Galanis

At its Dec. 7 regular meeting, the city council authorized the purchase of new police communication center equipment for \$62,298.05 from Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc.

Provision for the equipment, to be housed in the new police facility, was not included in the city's building contract with Edmar Construction Co. However, the equipment is to be obtained through Edmar as an addition to the contract at no additional cost or profit to the company.

During the meeting, council heard an earful during the petitions and requests segment. Aside from the Parcel 1 petition (see separate story) council received two others. Diane Cameron of the 12 Court of Ridge Road asked the city to develop a publicity campaign to improve awareness of and participation in Greenbelt's trash recycling program. After the petition, Ruth Bond of Greenhill Road commented that the city's Public Works Department could improve its method of collecting recyclable products at the warehouse. She said the designated collection area, inside the gate near the center of the parking lot, is often strewn with broken glass, and that a container for the recyclable waste is often lacking.

Bill Rowland, Jr. appeared before council to request that a previous petition he had brought to the council be considered in a work session. That petition concerned recommendations for improved safety measures on city projects and other increased safety precautions.

Weidenfeld noted that the city had just set up a safety committee which would devise a comprehensive safety program for the city's employees. Bram suggested that Rowland should feel "fairly victorious" about the results of his petition. Rowland, however, appeared to be unsatisfied with a statement made by Giese at an earlier council meeting when the petition was presented. Giese said that he had just received a transcript of that meeting and would answer the points when he had had time to study the transcript.

Special Populations

Staff recommendations approved by the council that evening included the hiring of a Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor for special populations, and a directive to the Crime Prevention Committee to convene a panel of experts to help develop an effective drug awareness/enforcement campaign for Greenbelt. The staff recommendation for the new recreation department position (already included in this year's budget) follows up the special populations con-

sultant study which was completed for Greenbelt earlier this year and reviewed by the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the Community Relations Advisory Board. Council's directive to the Crime Prevention Committee is a follow-up of the city's review of its existing drug education/enforcement activities, and those done in other Maryland jurisdictions.

Council also voted to prohibit all through truck traffic from using Crescent Road and Southway. Signs will be put up near the Kenilworth Avenue/Crescent Road and Greenbelt Road/Southway Road intersections to discourage trucks from cutting through Greenbelt instead of using the major road arteries.

Board Appointments

The following city advisory board and committee appointments were made by council: Michael Moore, Bill Ayers—Employee Relations Board; Barry Sullivan, Wayne Spong—Park and Recreation Advisory Board; Mary Helen Spear, Marvin Holmes—Community Relations Advisory Board; and P. J. Siegel, A. Harris—Crime Prevention Committee.

Regular council meetings in January and February are scheduled on the second and fourth Mondays of the month (January 11, 25; February 8, 22) instead of the conventional arrangement of the first and third Mondays. January work sessions include Smith-Ewing Lot 2, January 4; Domino's Pizza, January 5; and bond projects capital costs estimates, January 18.

Seek Out and Destroy

Gypsy Moth Eggs Now

The gypsy moth is a great threat to trees. Last year one of the hot spots of gypsy moth infestation in Prince Georges County was University Park.

Now is a good time to seek out the egg masses, when they are more visible, and destroy them. The egg masses are buff-colored, thumb-sized lumps on trees, Christmas trees, woodpiles, and lawn furniture. The eggs were laid in August and will hatch in April.

Scrape the egg masses into a pail of bleach, ammonia or soapy water and leave them there for several minutes. That will kill them before they can hatch out, and kill trees.

Call the state Department of Agriculture regional office at (301) 782-7155 if infestation seems heavy in the neighborhood.



HOLIDAY

REFUSE SCHEDULE

Due to the Christmas Holidays, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1987, there will be no refuse collected those two days. Customers normally receiving Monday and Thursday collections will be collected on Monday only. Customers normally receiving Tuesday and Friday collections will be collected on Tuesday only. NEWSPAPERS WILL BE PICKED UP ON WEDNESDAY.

A city truck will be located in the parking lot next to the Sovran Bank in the Roosevelt Center near Crescent and Southway on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1987, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for persons desiring to dispose of trash after the Christmas holiday.

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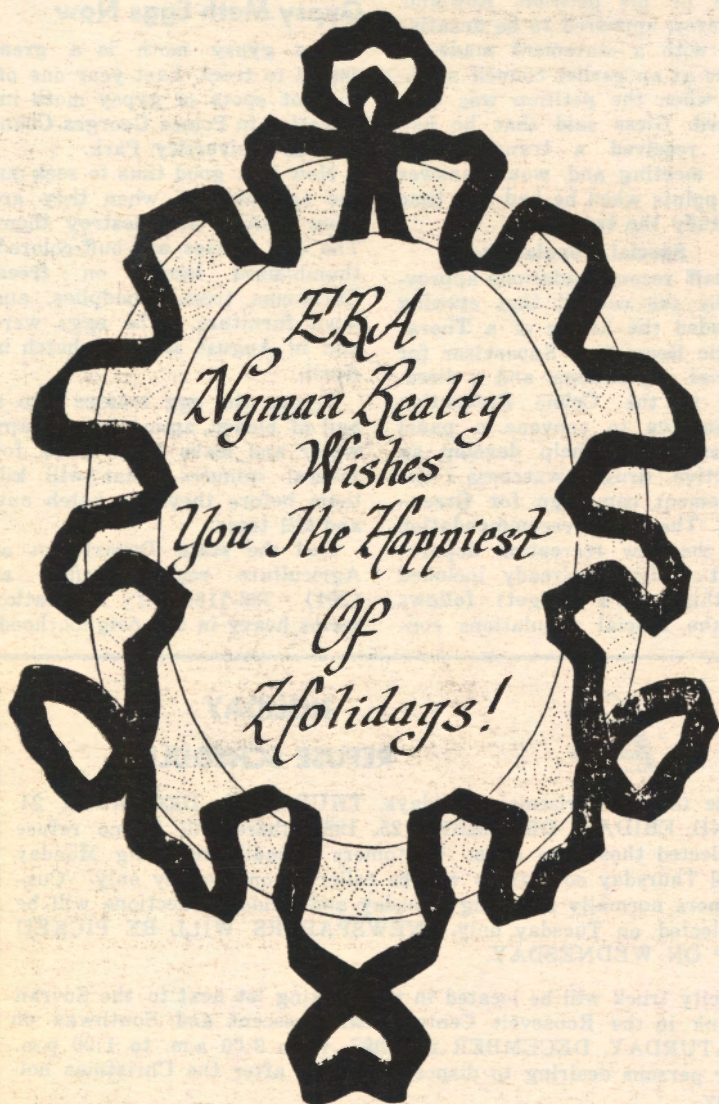
Carriers Bring Greetings

Around this time of year it is customary for the News Review delivery boys and girls to make personal calls on the homes they service to present Christmas cards and greetings. The News Review's financial position is such that we cannot pay our carriers very high remuneration. They are herefore dependent on generous holiday donations to supplement their nominal pay.

Most of the carriers range in age from pre-teen to the middle teens. For the younger boys and girls, delivering the News Review is their first job experience. Many of the older carriers started at a young age and continue to deliver the News Review mainly as a service to their neighborhood. It is a learning process for all these youngsters and, in some cases, the instillation of responsibility takes time and patience.

The holiday season affords us all a chance to show appreciation and to provide encouragement for the efforts of these youngsters and at the same time to show understanding for any failings that might have occurred during the year.

For the first time this year the carriers will leave envelopes rather than cards when they find no one at home. We hope these envelopes, equipped with the carrier's name and address, will be helpful to our readers who wish to show such appreciation.



Christmas Trees Are Being Sold by Cub & Boy Scouts

As in previous years, the Greenbelt Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are selling Christmas trees to raise money to support their many activities throughout the year. Due to the scheduled pool renovation, the location of the sale has been moved to the Batting Cage area adjacent to the Braden Field tennis courts (Patrons can park behind St. Hughs Elementary School.)

Everyone is encouraged to support this community project by purchasing their Christmas trees from the scouts. This year's Scotch Pine and White Pine trees are full and beautiful. Come select your tree any evening or during the day this weekend. (See ad in this issue.)

Take a Tour of Parcel 1

Paul Downs is again inviting interested persons to a tour of the woods on Parcel 1. Meet on Northway Extended near the ball fields on Saturday, December 19 or Sunday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. The hike will be about an hour long easy walk.

Sandwiches, drinks, hot chocolate and marshmallows will be provided.

Holiday Concert to Be Held At Green Ridge House

Sounds and Sweet Ayres, an early music ensemble, will present "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime," seasonal music of the Renaissance and Baroque periods, in the Community Room of Green Ridge House, on December 20 at 3 p.m.

Group members Jenny Harman (voice), Suzana Cooper (recorders), Werner Neupert (recorder and Baroque flute), and Polly Ellerbe (viola da gamba) will put the audience in a holiday mood with a lively program of carols and dances from Europe and the Americas.

The concert is open to the public. There is no admission charge.

*We Wish
All Our Friends
In Greenbelt
A Joyful
Holiday Season*

George Loutsch Family

**Greenbelt
Boy Scouts
& Cub Scouts
Christmas Tree
Sale**

Scotch Pine
White Pine

**NEW LOCATION!!
BATTING CAGE AREA**

(next to Braden Field Tennis Courts)

Park behind St. Hugh's School

Open:
Weekdays: 6-9 p.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sundays: Noon - 9 p.m.

(Dec. 11 till sold out)

Poster Contest Sponsored By PG Arts Council

The Prince Georges Arts Council is sponsoring a contest for the selection of the Council's official 1988 poster, which must reflect the theme - "Arts and Community." A \$1,000 prize will be awarded.

The contest is open to all county residents, as well as to individuals who work and/or attend school in the county. Deadline for entries is January 15, 1988. Call 699-3446 for applications.

Jaycees Invite Community To Holiday Celebration

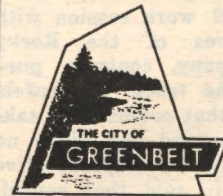
The Greenbelt Jaycees along with the other Jaycee chapters in Prince Georges County are hosting a Community Holiday Open House and Party on Sunday, December 20, 2-4 p.m., at the New Carrollton Municipal Center on Princess Garden Parkway. The Greenbelt community is most welcome to attend this free holiday celebration—a must for children. There will be various activities to put everyone in the holiday season mood.



GREENBELT CONNECTION

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Because of the Christmas Holidays, Thursday and Friday, December 24, 25, the city's dial-a-ride service, the Greenbelt Connection, will not run on those days. Service will be resumed on Sunday, December 27. Happy Holidays to all our riders!



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

**Monday, December 21, 1987
8:00 p.m.**

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks (*) placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests
 - Greenbelt Homes, Inc.
 - Sidewalk Improvements - Ridge and Crescent
 - Parcels 1 and 2
 - Donna L. Boucher
 - Jordan Choper
 - Citizens for Greenbelt
 (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)
7. Minutes of Council Meetings
8. Administrative Reports
9. Committee Reports - Presentation
 - Park and Recreation Advisory Board 87-13 Strategic Planning

III. LEGISLATION

10. A Resolution to Establish a Senior Citizen Task Force - Second Reading
11. An Ordinance to Add a New Section 2-25 to the Greenbelt City Code, Title "Capital Project Fund", for the purpose of Establishing a Capital Projects Fund to Account for Capital Improvement Projects; to Provide for the Receipt of Funds and the appropriation of Expenditures in the Fund, and to Permit the City Manager and City Treasurer to Invest Funds not Required to Meet Current Obligations or to Loan Such Funds to Another Fund of the City and to Transfer Funds in the General Fund in the Total Amount of \$836,400 for Reserves for Capital Improvements, North End Center and Building Construction to the Capital Projects Fund - First Reading
12. A Resolution to Amend Resolution Number 553, "A Resolution to Establish New Service Charges for Copies of the Voter Registration List of the City of Greenbelt or Portions Thereof, and to Establish Charges for Mailing Stickers", to Provide for the Cost of Voter Registration Lists on Compatible Computer Floppy Disks

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

13. Petition to Acquire Parcel 1 and 2
14. Concept Plan for Office Development Bednarik Property (Sunrise Village) (APB Report 87-27)
15. Presentation - New Greenbelt Study
16. Authority for State Police to Act Within Greenbelt Jurisdiction
17. Amendment to City Classification Plan Job Description - Recreation Supervisor
18. Audit Report - Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/87 Wooden & Benson
19. Commercial District Management Association Work Session - Indian Creek

V. SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTE: THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

A View from the Air

From an airplane, Parcel 1 seems like a "cushion" protecting the original part of Greenbelt from the hectic Parkway traffic. Winter sunshine shows that this land has large areas of evergreens, surrounded by other, now leafless trees — a microcosm of nature's variety. (Fewer and fewer such patches of forest can be seen today!)

Furthermore, the view from the roads to this land are few and narrow. If a large population were to be settled there, then traffic problems would surely follow. There would then be pressure to provide more roads, and wider roads—thereby destroying yet more green space.

Finally, only from the air can you appreciate how much building is already going on! Does anybody need still more? History shows us that green space, once built upon, is lost forever.

The only possible conclusion is that Parcel 1 should be kept in its present state if at all possible. It would be a sick joke indeed to lose this last natural green area during our Golden Anniversary year. Let us not lose it!

Christopher K. Scherer

Impressed, Appalled

I was both impressed and appalled by the council meeting of December 7. I was impressed with the number of people who recognize and appreciate the value of open space and are willing to sacrifice to obtain it. What appalled me were the few who were willing to compromise other hard-won decisions, such as the indoor pool.

Variety has helped keep our community a unique place to live. In the long run, varied activities contribute significantly to our quality of life. This includes attracting new, dynamic and active citizens in keeping with our heritage.

Has anyone considered that should the community slowly lose that broadbased attractiveness, then the very land we cherish today could again be looked upon as a source of revenue and development, instead of a natural area to enjoy. It is all in the eyes of the beholder.

Let's keep Greenbelt moving forward in more ways than one.

Douglas W. S. Sutherland

Governor Sees Dramatic Interchange Improvement

Editor's Note: The following letter, dated Nov. 27, was sent by Governor William Donald Schaefer to Greenbelt Mayor Gil Weidenfeld.

Thank you for your recent letter and the accompanying video tape of the City of Greenbelt's public meeting concerning the new interchange under construction at Maryland Route 193 (Greenbelt Road) and Maryland Route 201 (Kenilworth Avenue).

The tape gave me an opportunity to better understand the feelings and concerns of Greenbelt residents.

As you indicate, significant signing and pavement marking changes (modifications that have occurred since the meeting) along with the opening of the ultimate alignment of the remaining two ramps to and from Kenilworth Avenue have had a dramatic impact on operations through the interchange.

State Highway Administration's Bureau of Highway Design, Office of Traffic and district staff are analyzing the five-lane ramp from southbound Kenil-

worth Avenue and Edmonston Road to Greenbelt Road. This review is scheduled to be completed by mid-December. At that time, a meeting with City of Greenbelt officials, State and local elected officials and State Highway Administration staff will be arranged to discuss the reevaluation.

I appreciate your providing us the video tape. The safety of the residents of Greenbelt, as well as all those who use the interchange, is of extreme importance to us.

City Manager Reports

On 193-201 Interchange

Editor's Note: The following information was extracted from City Manager James K. Giese's weekly report to Council, December 4. Much of the work has now been completed.

On Tuesday morning I attended a meeting of Maryland State Highway Administration officials at the Citizens Bank parking lot to discuss the Greenbelt Road/Kenilworth Avenue interchange. In attendance were Hal Kassoff, State Highway Administrator; Neil Pedersen, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering; Michael Snyder, District Engineer; Thomas Hicks, Deputy Administrator for Traffic Engineering; and Majid Shakib, Traffic Engineer. It was clear from the conversation that Mr. Kassoff had viewed the city tape. A number of minor modifications to the interchange were discussed and agreed to by the State Highway people.

The intersection was functioning well during the morning rush hour. There were no backups and all cars were clearing the intersection in each light cycle. The length of the cycle was one minute 35 seconds. Yesterday afternoon it was one minute 45 seconds. Both times are down considerably from the three minute cycle on the video tape. The traffic signal clearly is adjusting for traffic volume.

Of the modifications to be done, most involve line painting and signage. At least two additional cantilevered signs will be installed. About 100 feet of the concrete wall between the Springhill Lake ramp and the ramp off Kenilworth Avenue will be removed and replaced with a curb. The crosswalk across Greenbelt Road on the west side will be modified to bring pedestrians to the island between the left turn and right turn ramps at the five lane ramp. This way the pedestrian light will work in conjunction with the traffic signals and pedestrians will not have to worry about cars right turning on a yield sign. It is expected that very few pedestrians will be using this crosswalk. There is, however, a fair amount of pedestrian traffic using the bridge and walking on the north side of Greenbelt Road.

The signals will be slightly modified to permit westbound Greenbelt Road traffic to clear the entire intersection in one light. At present traffic is stopped for the left turn movement onto northbound Kenilworth, and then permitted to go across the bridge where it is stopped a second time for the left turn movement off of Kenilworth. Actually westbound traffic gets through the intersection as fast as eastbound traffic, but the two light phase is frustrating to motorists.

Kassoff expects to provide Council with a letter outlining the changes to be made and their scheduling in about two weeks.



Holiday Greetings



For the past year Greenbelt has celebrated its first fifty years of history by: re-examining why this city was built and the people who were involved; honoring those who were the first citizens of this great experiment in planning; reviewing what has happened to this city since its beginnings; and renewing our fond memories of the past and of those who were a part of it. It has been a great celebration and we did it with style.

We begin Greenbelt's second fifty years by building upon the past, and renewing our dedication to maintaining and bettering our lives and our community. As we do so, we — the elected and appointed officials and the employees of the City of Greenbelt — extend to all of you our best wishes for the happiest of holiday seasons, and a New Year that fulfills your fondest wishes.

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The Internal Revenue Service and the Maryland State Comptroller's Office are trying to locate some area residents who are due a tax refund from their 1986 federal and state income tax returns. For the second year in a row the federal and state tax agencies have combined their efforts to locate taxpayers who are due refunds.

These taxpayers may have moved or changed their last names during the year and did not notify the IRS, or the address on the tax returns may simply have been illegible.

When a refund is returned by the Postal Service, the two agencies attempt to find the taxpayers and deliver the checks, but there are always some who cannot be found.

Some Greenbelt residents with undelivered refunds for federal income taxes are: Wendy Glascock, Marilee Knight, Lori Manson, Lewis Miles, Keith Moore, Gail Neale, Paul Niggemyer, Scott Partin, Marc Schlossberg, Robert Vanwie, Wayne and Gail Willoughby, Michael Fluker, Homa Falsafi, Jon Allen, Angela Irwin, Suzanne Bennett, Ronald Rickard, Karen Eastep, David Solem, and Ernest Buchanan.

Greenbelt residents with undelivered refunds for state income taxes are: Veronica Branch, Ahmad Deknach, Wendy Glascock, Bernard Goggins, Lori Manson, Keith Moore, Trinidad Portillo, and Edwin Wilson.

Talk on Jewish Holidays

David Stern will speak on "The Jewish Holidays, Their Significance and Traditions" at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Greenbelt Road, on Sunday, December 20. The talk will be held in the narthex room and will begin at 10 a.m.; entrance is free and visitors are welcome.

Baha'i Faith

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Holiday Blues? What to Do

Why do many experience sadness and the "blues" during the holidays? According to Howard Hoffman, M.D., Medical Director of The Psychiatric Institute of Washington, D.C., "Experiencing holiday blues is a natural part of the maturing process. All of us at one time or another will feel a little sadness during the holiday season."

If feeling "blue" for a while is natural for some during the holidays, what kinds of things can be done to deal with it? "The most important thing to do is to recognize that it happens. Finding time to reminisce about good times is helpful. If you are alone, be around other people," says Dr. Hoffman.

Sometimes these sad feelings become prolonged and cause disturbances in daily functioning. Many times, professional help is needed. The following warning signs can alert us to our need for professional help: eating and sleeping disturbances, moodiness, despair and confusion, suicidal feelings and hopelessness, excessive use of alcohol and other drugs, and difficulties with concentration and memory.

Often, outpatient therapy may be all that is necessary to address these disturbances. In more serious situations, inpatient care may be necessary. At the Psychiatric Institute of Washington, D.C., a crisis telephone service, (202) 467-HOPE, is available 24 hours a day to provide convenient and accessible help to individuals and families suffering from these prolonged disturbances.

SoberRide Gets in Gear

The SoberRide campaign, sponsored by the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) and area taxi cab companies, provides free, no-questions-asked taxi rides home to would-be drunk drivers during the holiday season, December 11 to January 2.

SoberRide operates seven days a week from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Those who feel that they have had too much to drink, or that their friends have overindulged, can call SoberRide at (703) 578-HOME. The SoberRide network will then dispatch a cab to pick the would-be drunk driver and return him or her home safely at no cost to the rider. Riders' identities are kept confidential.

GHI NOTES

Friday, December 18, GHI offices will be closed at noon for the Employee's annual Christmas Party. For emergency service that day, please call 474-6011.

es during the holiday season and throughout the year. A network of seven Crisis Centers exists in the metropolitan D. C. area to provide short-term counseling services.

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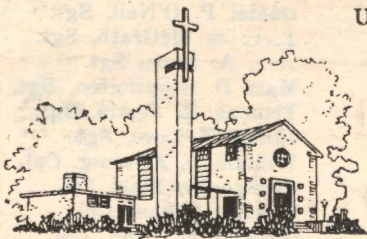
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Springhill Lake resident Brian Dinkins captures the spirit of the holiday season at the Fountain Lodge at the Smile With Santa event on December 16. In the background is Teen Club Editor Robbie Heim who served as a volunteer for this program to provide photo opportunities for Santa. photo by Joe Podmostko

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10:00 Candlelighting Service

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Residents: Zero Houses on Parcel 1

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the scope of Greenbelt's historic "green belt." The second motion documented the board's concern about the impact of Parcel 1 development on GHI facilities and the lack of a study concerning such impact. Both motions had been passed unanimously. Hogensen added that GHI would be "happy to work with the council" to see if the parcel could be acquired.

Betty Timer, representing the Woodland Hills Association, strongly opposed the development of Parcel 1, citing the narrowness of Northway, which makes it very vulnerable to traffic congestion.

In addition to these representatives of groups, many individual citizens expressed opposition to development of the property. Douglas Sutherland of Lakeside described the increased pressure which would be put on all the other city parks if Parcel 1 is lost as open space. "The buck stops here," he said. Beatrix Whitehall, active in the movement to revitalize Roosevelt Center, asked that council do whatever it takes to keep from "losing the things that make Greenbelt unique." Tom Storck of Ridge Road said he was at the meeting to "express my dismay that we even have to be here to try to save this land." Werner Neupert of Lakeside reminded council that this is a rich community: rich in people (as evidenced by the crowd at the meeting), rich in heritage, and also rich in value. He said that it is just too hard to slice up the \$6 million of the city's bond issue among so many projects and urged council to take the long-range view of what is important—what would it want the city to be like in 50 years.

Bruce Bowman, one of the original signers of the government mortgage which the housing cooperative took out to buy what today is Greenbelt Homes, Inc., described the possible cost of Parcel 1 as "peanuts" compared to that first loan. Bowman, who said he lives in a house backing up to Parcel 1, described how he had watched "some nature lovers and some just lovers" walking in those woods for 43 years. He expressed confidence that the council will do what the community wants.

Greenbelt East View

Michael Vaccaro, the only resident of Greenbelt East to speak at the meeting, said that the residents of that part of the city have "gone through this again and again" as the developers moved in. He praised the council, saying that it has always been very helpful in holding down density. He also noted that "none of these people had a whole lot to say when it was happening in Greenbelt East." This charge was later disputed by Eunice Coxon, a long-time activist in Greenbelt, who pointed out that a city-wide citizens group had been formed to "address concerns of all Greenbelt" and that this organization had fought some of the early battles in Greenbelt East.

The Money Figures

Leonie Penney of Northway asked what a reasonable figure for the land might be. She pointed out that council had allocated \$1.765 million for parks. City Manager James K. Giese indicated that, based on the city's estimate of the contract purchase price, the city might need twice that amount to make the purchase.

City Solicitor Robert A. Manzi, who counseled against getting into figures, also noted that any condemnation action would probably have two parts: a court hearing to determine whether the city has the power to condemn the land and then a jury determination of the price the city would have to pay.

Council Defends Actions

Some speakers questioned council's slow approach in moving to acquire this land since the bond money was approved in May 1985. Weidenfeld pointed out in answer that the city had only recently received appraisals of the land. "Were we negotiating with the owner without appraisals?" asked Charles Hagelgans incredulously. (Hagelgans, Kaster's husband, is a resident of Crescent Road.) Weidenfeld explained that council had been acting on information given to it which "turned out not to be as good as we thought." In answer to a question from Chuck Hess, a member of the GHI board of directors but speaking for himself, Weidenfeld also said that the council spent some time waiting for a counteroffer from the owner in response to an offer made by the city.

Hess also raised the question of the capacity of city sewers to serve new development on Parcel 1 if the sewage is to be pumped over the ridge into the existing sewer system. Keith Chernikoff, a candidate for city council last fall, asked whether septic tanks are allowed in the RR zoning category currently attached to Parcel 1. City Solicitor Robert A. Manzi answered that lots where septic tanks are used must be almost one acre in size.

Council Position Questioned

Diane Pisano of Laurel Hill Road raised questions about positions taken by some of the council members in the work session of November 19 as reported by the News Review. She said that Bram had been quoted as asking why the development cannot consist entirely of single-family homes? Pisano read similar quotes from Putens and Weidenfeld which suggested that they might favor development of the parcel if the community gained single-family housing. Bram charged that she had been quoted out of context in the News Review story; she said that the remarks had been made in a "back and forth" exchange with the Rocky Gorge Company representatives. Putens also maintained that he had not been quoted properly.

Pisano insisted that no more development is needed in Greenbelt. Bram pointed out, however, that developers are also citizens and have a right to develop their land. White explained that the context of the November 19 work session had been that "we do not like this proposal and if you develop at all these are some of the things you ought to consider." He tried to explain his own position by saying he would like to see zero (development) but was not sure that that was feasible. He continued, "Maybe we can have both worlds—single-family homes at a density . . ." but loud boos from the audience drowned him out.

Postpone the Indoor Pool?

Irene Hensel, who also ran for a seat on the city council last fall, was the first speaker to raise the possibility that the indoor swimming pool would have

to be postponed in order to buy Parcel 1. She proposed "a trade-off—the city buying Parcel 1 and holding off on the indoor pool." Bram immediately objected that "a comment like that can be divisive" and called it "inappropriate at this time."

However, other speakers raised the same question. Hess said, "You can't put off the land; you can put off the pool." He asked what the view would be of the relative importance of the two at the 150th anniversary year.

Cathy Pugliese of Ridge Road explained, "When I heard about the pool, I thought 'Great.' When I heard about the parkland, I thought 'Great.' But now when I see the danger to the parkland, I say delay the pool and raise my taxes—the land is more important."

Ann Pisano, active in the Citizens for a North End Center, suggested that a referendum might be needed to determine just how many people favored the parkland and how many preferred the pool.

Priorities

Several council members maintained that the indoor pool still has at least as much support as parkland and said they were reluctant to upset the compromise achieved in June on priorities for use of the bond issue money. Under that plan, the indoor pool would be built with bond money; parkland acquisition and development would be financed up to almost \$2 million by a combination of bond money and an increase in the tax rate.

White said that council came by these priorities in a very difficult way and that he did not want to disturb them. He advocated "seeing how much further down we could go on those units." "Let's maximize the possibilities," he counseled. "Could we live with 50 (houses)? With 75?" At that point, loud 'No's' came from the audience. White made the point, however, that it might be possible to preserve some of the tract, environmentally and aesthetically, at no cost to the city by accepting some development.

Bill LaPerch of Laurel Hill

Road, for one, seemed not to want to hear that advice. He said: "The issue is not a certain amount of houses and where do we put those houses. The issue is no houses and where do we get the funds." Bram's answer was "creative financing."

Weidenfeld said that if council contemplated using pool money for purchasing Parcel 1, it would find just as many people out in opposition to that position. "More," interjected Isaacs. LaPerch countered by saying he wouldn't vote for anyone on the council if "we don't get the land."

"Mr. LaPerch, that's blackmail," expostulated Bram.

"No, that's politics," answered a voice from the audience.

Local historian Betty Allen summed it up when she said that something must be done. "We have been living under the shadow of that sale for 34 years (when the housing cooperative sold much of the green belt to private owners) and we are still living under it now when the city is 50 years old. The priority is the land," she said. "They are going to keep trying to take that chunk of land away until one of these days we will lose it. We want you to decide. Otherwise, you and your successors and we will have to fight it over and over again."

Council Reaction

Both White and Weidenfeld expressed their thanks to the community for what White called "the outpouring." He went on to say that no one questions the importance of Parcel 1. The message is clear," he said, "and I like the message but I have to be convinced that we can afford it."

Weidenfeld said that the council gets its best insights from the people who live here. He particularly noted the speakers' willingness to back up their requests with tax dollars. "When they say it's OK to raise taxes," he said, "that's unusual. We may not pursue it in exactly the way each of you would like to see it," he cautioned. He added, however, that council would work in that direction. He warned that it may well cost additional tax dollars and, if so, the people would get a chance to vote on the additional money.

Estimated Cost Impact on Selected Homes to Purchase Parcel 1

The following information was furnished to council by the city manager last week. The figures are based on the assumption that the money would be derived from 20-year bonds bearing the same interest rate as those recently sold. The land price used for the calculations is based on the city staff estimate of the contract purchase price currently in effect.

	Ass. Value	Est. An. Cost
Boxwood Single Family	\$41,800	\$43.44
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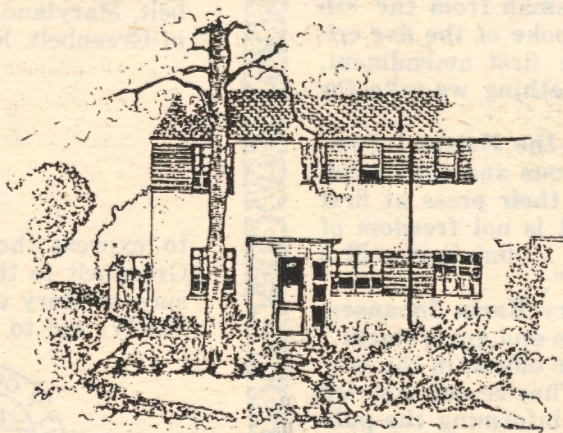
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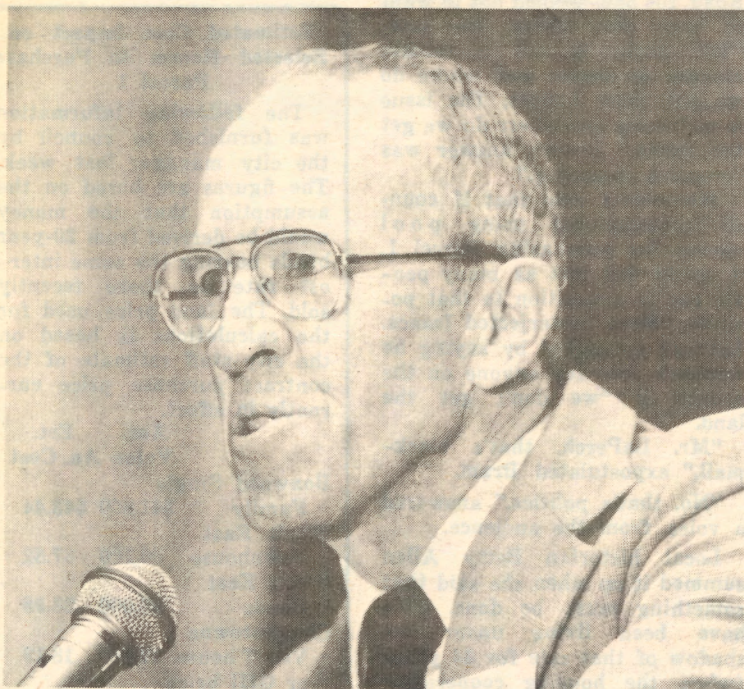
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Bill Rowland welcomed more than 270 family and friends of the News Review. Rowland is president of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association.

"... a delighted 'welcome' (as we) join in celebrating the newspaper's golden anniversary.

'In a way it's rather incredible that this event is taking place.

"In 1937, a handful of people, all of whom had just moved into a brand-new town only weeks before, formed a 'Journalistic Club.' They decided to put out six weekly issues of a mimeographed news letter on an experimental basis.

"The odds on any kind of long-range future for the effort must have seemed rather poor.

"Now — five decades, hundreds of volunteers, countless crisis (and victories), and something like two thousand six hundred consecutive weekly issues of that 'news letter' later — here we are. . . ."



"In celebrating tonight during the 200th year of our constitution, it is amazing to think the Greenbelt News Review has been in existence for 25 percent of the life of this democracy," said Steny Hoyer, Congressman from the 5th District which includes Greenbelt. He spoke of the five critical freedoms "right up front" in the first amendment, among them freedom of the press "something we take for granted in this country."

By comparison, Hoyer, who heads the Helsinki Commission, spoke of the Warsaw Pact nations and the Soviet Union where he has travelled and seen their press at first hand — "organs of publicity. Glasnost is not freedom of the press, Glasnost is giving voice to . . . but it is still a story that the government wants to tell".

Hoyer introduced his press secretary Karin Johansen, "which says a lot about American politics and government." Explaining, he said, "There is probably no official in the Soviet Union that has a press secretary. They're not worried about communicating with the press or informing the public. They have automatic, in-house, organs of publicity." "It is essential as a nation, if we are going to be free, to have Mary Lou Williamson and Elaine Skolnik looking over the shoulders of Steny Hoyer and Paul Sarbanes, making sure that what we say we are doing is in fact happening. In celebrating 50 years of the News Review we are celebrating an absolutely essential endeavor in our democracy. . . . ing an absolutely essential endeavor to good policies as opposed to propaganda and government fiat.



Mayor Gil Weidenfeld (right) presents proclamation on behalf of the City Council to News Review editor Mary Lou Williamson, news editor Elaine Skolnik, and president Bill Rowland. (The proclamation is reprinted below.)

Proclamation

WHEREAS, As the 50th Anniversary Year of Greenbelt is drawing to a close, having brought together Greenbelt citizens of today with the many pioneers and early residents of the community, and having renewed a strong interest in the meaning and values of the planned community concept; and

WHEREAS, One of the first undertakings of the pioneers of Greenbelt was the formation of a journalistic club, followed by the publication of the first issue of the GREENBELT COOPERATOR on November 24 — less than 2 months after the very first families became the first citizens of this new town; and

WHEREAS, The history of the Greenbelt Cooperator, which today is known to all of us as the GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW, is an incredible success story, particularly when we remember that this paper has been delivered every week to each home in the community since the first issue was published; and

WHEREAS, This success story is even more incredible when we remember that there were no high paid directors, no famous editors, no world renowned writers, but that there was merely an endless line, of volunteers who shared their talent and their love for this community, who spent endless evenings, often into the early morning hours, to assure the delivery of the next issue; and

WHEREAS, The GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW has been and is the thread that binds us together; it is the voice that has reminded us of our obligations and has alerted us to dangers, the voice that has informed us and called us to action when action was necessary; and it is the means by which we have been and are learning of the joys and sadnesses of our fellow citizens — indeed, it has been the communicator, the spokesman, the one constant during the past fifty years; it is a part of the history and the success of Greenbelt; and

WHEREAS, The success of the GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW is the story of the people of this community—of the volunteers who had the early vision and belief in communication and cooperation; of the volunteers who carried on through war times, through lean times, and through the difficult years of legal battles and strife; and of the volunteers who, in today's busy life and despite personal obligations to their jobs and families, continue to give of their time and share with us their belief in good communication and love of community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, by authority vested in me by the Council and the citizens of Greenbelt, hereby issue this Proclamation on the occasion of the

50TH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

to express the grateful appreciation of the Council and the citizens of Greenbelt to the many volunteers who have contributed to the incredible success story of the COOPERATOR and THE GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW, and to pledge our support to its continued success.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the city of Greenbelt, Maryland to be affixed this 22nd day of November, 1987.

Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gudrun H Mills, CMC, City Clerk

Working on the News Review

by Dorothy Sucher

(In the article which follows, the reporter/editor reminisces about her days on the newspaper staff in the early 60s. For those who missed the 50th anniversary dinner, we print the speech in its entirety. Sucher now writes mystery stories.)

How did I come to join the staff of the News Review? This was back in the Dark Ages, you understand; when I was a full-time housewife with a couple of small children. Oh yes, there were full-time housewives back then, and we pretty much kept the town running—heaven only knows who's keeping it going now.

My social life at that time centered around the cooperative nursery school, and one day when I was a Helping Mother I met a Helping Father named Russ Greenbaum. I believe we were scrubbing the toilets at the time. He was the Editor of the News Review, and he knew talent when he saw it. He said, "Why don't you come down some Tuesday?" So a week later, I did.

Virginia Beauchamp took me in hand, and began teaching me how to write headlines. Her first words to me were "What is your background?" Background? What background? Did I have a background? I had two kids and a husband—that's about all I was sure of.

Before long I was hooked. I became a regular. Every Thursday when the paper was dropped on my doorstep—or Friday, or Saturday, if we were having circulation problems, which we frequently were—I felt a surge of pride. Accomplishment! Something concrete, that I could hold in my hand. That didn't have to be done over again in a few hours, like washing dishes and picking up toys. What a thrill!

Characters

I loved the characters who came down to the office on Tuesday nights, bringing libellous letters to the editor, every word of which they were prepared to defend to the death. The gadflies, each with his special, sacred cause that deserved front-page coverage. The citizen-reporters who covered activities they happened to be interested in, like the swim team news; and who somehow managed to work the name of their child into every paragraph. Working on the News Review, I got to know everyone in town, from the mayor on down; and it fascinated me to learn how the town, a whole microcosm with interlocking parts, actually worked. I had come to Greenbelt from New York City, where everybody knew that you can't fight City Hall. But in Greenbelt, that was all they ever did!

The staff was great, too. I'll never forget Al Skolnik—how I wish he could be here tonight! Could that guy argue! It was incredible. He was the publisher then—in a sense he almost was the News Review—and he had very firm ideas about everything connected with the paper. I could be opinionated, too; but I didn't stand a chance against Al. His great strength was that he never gave up; you always ran out of breath before he did. I learned a lot about persistence from Al. Valuable lessons. And Elaine Skolnik! At that time she was writing the Our Neighbors column. Elaine's basic philosophy of news reporting was that you should never get anyone upset or say anything mean—an approach to journalism I hadn't encountered before. How she managed to get sued for libel is a long and amazing story that will have to wait for another occasion. But in deference to her philosophy of total niceness, which still persists

(Elaine has learned to grit her teeth and write about wrongdoers, but it kills her), I shall say no more about any member of the staff of the News Review so that Elaine can relax.

Old-Timer

You can tell I'm really an old-timer when I confess I recall the era when there was no refrigerator in the News Review office. When it finally came—after much soul-searching, financial research, and several votes—we knew we'd hit the big time. Only trouble was, with all those housewives on the News Review, which represented our link with the wider world of outside work and intellectual stimulation, you can be sure none of us wanted to spend our night out defrosting the refrigerator. No way! I never defrosted it—I never saw Virginia do it, or Bernice, or Mary Lou. Even Elaine, who could be talked into doing just about anything, drew the line. And that is why, to this very day, the News Review refrigerator has never been defrosted.

Editor

I became Editor. This was known to be a very dangerous post, because the editorship of the News Review led inexorably to pregnancy. Several editors had proved this conclusively—all of them women, I believe. Sure enough, the same thing happened to me. So I passed the job on to another brave woman who was ready to make the supreme sacrifice to keep the paper going. I don't know when it was, exactly, that the editorship became a less fertile field of endeavor—I must ask Mary Lou how she defanged it.

I became a columnist. I wrote humor. Light verse. Wrote the Police News—I remember the mystery of the missing wig, for some reason. I did it all. It was a proud day when I received my first paycheck. A dollar-fifty for covering a City Council meeting! And when I became Editor—ten bucks a week! I was a real writer now. Little did I know how prophetic that salary scale would prove to be!

Lessons

There were lessons to be learned on the News Review. Like skepticism. I remember one of the citizen-columnists (of course that's what we all were, but this one didn't have his name on the masthead). He sent in a story about a meeting on some minor controversy—at least we thought it was minor. And a hundred people had come to the meeting! This was so amazing that I called him for more information and happened to remark, "By the way, were there really 100 people at the meeting?" He said—

"Well—actually I think it was twenty-eight."

I said, "But you wrote a hundred in your article! How could you say that, if there were only twenty-eight?"

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Staff photographer
J. Henson

"Well," he said innocently. "I just rounded it off to the nearest hundred."

Controversies

Controversies. I got into a few myself. The absolutely worst one came about when one of the librarians started a little poetry club for some of the elementary school children, and after they'd been meeting for a while they put together a booklet of poems the kids had written. There was a stack of them at the library so people could help themselves. I thought this was a wonderful, creative project—so much so that it seemed a good idea, a sincere tribute, to review the book in the News Review, just as it were a real book. I took it on myself to do this. After all, I'd been an English major. I'd learned how to write a book review. You analyzed the good points and you analyzed the bad ones. What a mistake! Suzy Jones has a nice feeling for rhyme, but her images are hackneyed. Billy Smith had a few original ideas, but his poem went on forever.

The phone calls I got from irate parents! Nothing in this world—nothing!—is more vicious than a mother whose third-grader's poem has been criticized. For a while I thought I would have to move to Silver Spring—and what was worse, I knew I'd brought the whole thing on myself by deviating from the philosophy Elaine had tried to instill in me.

Other controversies—a tremendous one I recall. The News Review was accustomed to pay, I think it was \$3.00 a month for the use of our basement rat-hole. Suddenly an anti-News Review faction had appeared on the GHI board and threatened to charge us rent. Months of



Dorothy Sucher regales the audience with tales of her years on the News Review staff. (See accompanying article.) Seated are emcee for the evening Harry Zubkoff and his wife Jeannette.

public wrangling followed—community meetings—enraged letters to the Editor; the full Greenbelt gamut. To me, one of the most intriguing sidelights of that affair was that the wife of our arch-enemy continued to function serenely as the News Review proof-reader throughout the whole controversy. The part that working on the News Review has played in the matrimonial arrangements of quite a few Greenbelters is a subject about which I would love to speculate. But Elaine can relax—I won't.

I think the anti-News Review faction wanted to charge fifty dollars rent a month, or maybe it was ninety. No doubt I could have found out by doing a little research, but I am not one of the compulsive fact-checkers on the News Review. I prefer to believe that

history is what I remember. No doubt that's why I now write fiction, and it's probably just as well.

I have never written a mystery about the News Review, and I'm sure I never will. However, by some coincidence I am thinking vaguely about setting Sabina Swift's third adventure in a small and rather peculiar local newspaper. It has never had more than five thousand dollars in the bank at any time in its history. Possibly electric meters will be a key feature of the office decor. I haven't made up my mind whom to kill yet. I just thought I'd let you know. You might want to watch your step.

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Recreation Review

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Thursday, December 24, 12 noon-6 p.m.; Friday, December 25, 12 noon-10 p.m.; Saturday, December 26, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, December 27, 1 p.m.-10 p.m.; Monday, December 28, 12 noon-10 p.m.; Tuesday, December 29, 12 noon-10 p.m.; Wednesday, December 30, 12 noon-10 p.m.; Thursday, December 31, 12 noon-6 p.m.; Friday, January 1, 12 noon-10 p.m.

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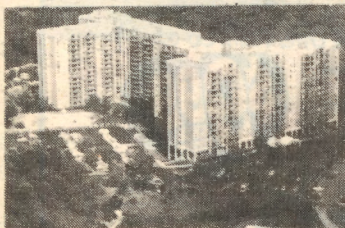
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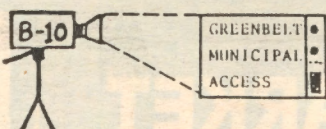
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Worksession on Parcel 1

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project economically feasible. However, the city staff is not yet certain that 175 homes are permitted within the current zoning.

According to Giese, there are several other aspects of the development still to be resolved. Currently the only access to the parcel is from Plateau Place and Laurel Hill Road. The developer wants a right-of-way across county-owned land to Northway Extended.

The city is attempting to obtain the 72 acres owned by the county but is seeking ways to avoid paying the \$457,734 debt on the land. Giese said he feels that Parcel 1 is less valuable without access from Northway.

If the city is unable to purchase Parcel 1, it could try to obtain the land by a condemnation suit. Giese noted that the city cannot artificially drive down the price by opposing development. He said that in a previous city condemnation suit, city opposition to rezoning was used by the owner to obtain increased compensation. He noted that in a condemnation trial the jury has the final say and the city could get a good price or a bad price.

Giese said that inclusion of Parcel 1 within the area in the National Register of Historic Places offers no protection against development. The only restriction conferred is on the use of federal funds, which are

not involved in the current proposal. Giese said that while the county does place some restrictions on areas in its historic register, Greenbelt is not on the county register. He noted, however, that governments cannot, by any device, prevent the development of privately owned land without adequately compensating the owner.

Other Green Space

Giese reminded the group that Parcel 1 is only part of the city's green space. In addition to the 72 acres owned by the county, there is the privately owned, 10-acre Parcel 2 (to the south of Parcel 1). After accounting for contracts already signed by the city for the outdoor pool and the police station, he said there is only \$3.5 million left in the bond authorization, which may be insufficient even to purchase Parcel 1. (No major contracts have been signed yet for the indoor pool.)

Council member Thomas X. White suggested that the city attempt to acquire as much of the privately owned land as possible. He said that 50 to 60 "appropriately placed" single-family homes could be placed on Parcel 1 and still preserve land that would never be developed. White said that while the city's goal may be to keep all of this land as green space, it may not have the resources to do so.

Council member Edward Putens was unwilling to accommo-

date any development on the parcel. He said that in other developments, the total acreage ultimately developed has expanded over that proposed when sewerage and other facilities are constructed.

Opposition to any development was also expressed by council member Antoinette M. Bram. She said the city should determine how to slow development and buy the land and vowed to do everything possible to obtain the parcel for the city.

Other Strategies

Several people suggested ways to prevent development of Parcel 1. Putens suggested investigating whether the land could be declared a wildlife preserve. Bill Stratton suggested that a coalition of national organizations interested in conservation might be formed to purchase the land. Doug Love warned, however, that care must be taken in this approach, as some groups might be willing to purchase the land but would deny access to it by city residents.

Another suggestion offered by the audience was that the laws protecting endangered or threatened species could be used to protect the land, if it could be determined that such species live in Parcel 1. Lekh Batra, Science Advisor to the Director of BARC, said that such information is available from the state Department of Natural Resources. He said that BARC had made such an inquiry regarding a portion of its land and was told that no

such species were present. Based on his familiarity with Parcel 1, he felt that the answer would be the same for that land. White said that even if there were threatened species present, the landowner's rights to develop the parcel cannot be taken without compensation.

City Planning and Development Coordinator Celia Wilson said that the developer must show that adequate roads, sewerage and other public facilities are present or programmed before subdivision approval is granted by the county. In addition, at the time of subdivision the county does an environmental assessment, she said, and can apply conditions to the development to protect the environment.

In response to a suggestion that the county could buy the land, Giese said that the county Park and Planning Commission has no authority to buy land in Greenbelt because city residents are exempt from paying taxes to the Commission.

Another aspect considered by the group was how to obtain the money necessary to buy the land. Several citizens urged reallocation of bond monies currently allotted to other projects to the purchase.

One resident said it would be ironic if the city built the pool instead of purchasing the land and that the availability of the pool would increase the value of the homes built on the parcel.

Weidenfeld said the city can either reallocate money currently allocated for the indoor pool.

the Greenbelt East park and the addition to the Public Works building or raise additional revenues through a second bond issue. He pointed out that the latter step would involve a further increase in city taxes and would require a referendum.

He said that the city has received appraisals on the land and must meet with the landowner to determine his price. Giese noted that the last time the city talked with the owner he was uninterested in selling the land.

White asked for some additional information prior to the December 21 meeting, including background on environmental foundations interested in candidate sites. Bram and White both requested additional information on sewerage and storm water management for the site and the implications of those problems.

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New Year's Eve Sleepover

Greenbelt Youth Center
Thursday, December 31,
7:30 p.m.

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10 a.m.

Need a babysitter? We have an evening of fun planned for your child. Program includes games, a New Year's Eve Party, movies, munchies and a light breakfast. Registration is \$20/per child; \$10/each additional child in same family. Age limit is 6-12 years old. Call the Recreation Department to register your child.

CITY NOTES

The general crew overlaid blacktop and extended the parking area located at 9 Court of Hillside Road. The crew dug out and prepared a parking area for a contractor's construction shed at Northway and Ridge Road.

The special details crew put crusher run along the shoulder of Crescent Road, filling in large roadside gullies.

The parks crew operated the leaf vacuum and chipper throughout the city. The crew began pruning and mulching new trees planted in the Adopt-A-Tree program. Plants in the Lakewood area and at the "Buddy" Attick Park entrance were replaced by the horticulturist.

Regular trash collection has been fairly smooth but special trash collection fell behind. It is estimated that citizen's requests will take about five working days to be serviced.

CFG Board Adopts Two Resolutions

At its meeting of December 10, the Executive Board of Citizens for Greenbelt (CFG) passed resolutions on two issues of concern.

On the subject of Parcels 1 and 2, the board took a position opposing any development and advocating that these parcels be preserved as parkland; asked that the city move expeditiously to acquire the properties; and asked council to direct the city staff to investigate and report on the factors decreasing the suitability of these parcels for development, so as to refute high valuations being discussed for the property.

Also, Transportation Committee Chairman Doug Love described the proposed design for the

planned improvements of the Parkway/Greenbelt Road interchange. The board passed a resolution generally supporting the design, but pointing out that traffic turning left from the northbound Parkway to Greenway Center and from Greenway Center to the Parkway must change lanes very quickly.

The board urged that efforts be made to modify the design to eliminate this potentially dangerous pattern. The resolution will be sent to the State Highway Administration.

In committee appointments, Irene Hensel was appointed co-chairperson of the Transportation Committee. Citizens for Greenbelt invites residents to express any transportation-related concerns to this committee by calling Doug Love at 474-8663 in the evening.

The next board meeting will be on January 6.



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These two procedures are not to be confused with store bought "liners" which claim to do the same thing. In reality these items tend to mask the symptoms of ill-fitting dentures and can cause more harm than good. If you are unsure of the fit of your dentures, contact your family dentist for a consultation. Do not attempt "do it yourself" methods.

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A color TV, AM/FM cassette player and jewelry were stolen during the day on December 4 from a townhouse in the 8100 block of Mandan Terrace. A window had been broken to gain entry.

Two 22-year-old men, both nonresidents, who were creating a disturbance about 7 p.m., December 4 at a Greenway Center restaurant and had refused to leave were arrested after they fought the officers who responded to the scene. During the struggle one of the officers suffered a back injury when he was pinned against the bar. He was treated and released from AMI Doctors Hospital of Lanham. One of the suspects was held on \$3500 bond charged with trespassing, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and battery. The other was charged with trespassing and resisting arrest. He was released on personal recognizance.

Thefts from and vandalism to autos were reported in the 6400 block of Ivy Lane, the 7100 block of Ora Glen Drive, the 7400 block of Mandan Road, the 9100 block of Edmonston Road, the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane,

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A suspect answering the following description is wanted for the breaking and entering which occurred on November 24 at approximately 2:15 p.m. at the 61 Court of Ridge Road. The man is described as a white male, approximately 30 years of age, 5'8" and 180 lbs., with sandy blond to red hair above the ears, and possibly with a mustache. When last seen, the suspect was wearing a heavy red plaid shirt with a blue vest or jacket.

The suspect apparently entered the victim's residence during the daytime hours by unknown means and removed a VCR or TV. A red vehicle was seen in the area at the same time the witness saw the suspect. Anyone having information on this or similar cases is requested to call the Criminal Investigation Unit at 474-7200.

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That was Dennis Freemyer, son-in-law of John and Elizabeth Maffay of Northway, who was on the front page of The Washington Post last Friday, December 11. Dennis was holding the umbrella over Mikail Gorbachev during the departing ceremony. Freemyer is a Presidential appointee and manages all social functions. He and his wife, Dori, and little daughter live in Arlington.

Barbara and Luis Vargas of Laurel Hill Road welcomed their first born on November 30. Sean Enrique Vargas weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz., and was born in Holy Cross Hospital. Sean's uncle, Robert, lives on Plateau Place. Congratulations to all.

Congratulations to Donna and Jody Davenport of Edmonston Road on the birth of their daughter, Danielle Cherie Davenport. Danielle, who was born on December 6, weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. at Holy Cross Hospital.

The fifth and sixth grade classes at John Carroll Elementary School have adopted three endangered humpback whales in connection with their study of the "Voyage of the Mimi," a whaling expedition that tracks and monitors endangered whales. The classes have also set up a salt-water aquarium as part of a continuing enrichment of the biology curriculum.

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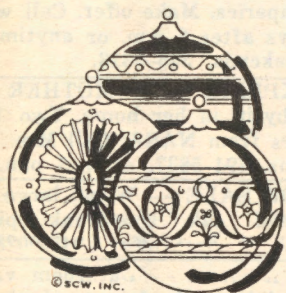
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